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Dear FCC:

Topic: We want TV from Denver here in SW Colorado.

I estimate this is at least the 15 letter I have written on this topic - to your organization, to my legislators, my cable TV providers, etc. I do feel strongly about SW Colorado being able to get TV from Denver rather than from Albuquerque for the following reasons:

- Health and safety – Distribution of the H1N1 flu vaccine was by state and therefore the information we received about the vaccine availability was from New Mexico. We had to depend on newspapers, Internet access and other means to obtain the information for Colorado. In the event of an emergency, we would not be receiving the correct information for our state.
- There are/were typically 10 or so athletes from Colorado in the Winter Olympics, the Denver stations cover these athletes, the NM stations do not.
- Political ads – as awful as it is to have to watch/listen to these ads for the months before any election, but it is worse when they are all for candidates or issues not on our state's ballot.
- Any public service ad is not applicable – Free radon kits, quit smoking aids, Join the National Guard, State lottery results are not applicable to us as Colorado residents.
- The Denver market is larger, more lucrative and therefore able to hire more professional broadcasters, sportscasters, etc. NM sports people have referred to the Boston Red Sox as a National League Team – please.
- The Denver stations are permitted to broadcast Mon-Fri 10-10:30 pm for the Colorado news, but the late night shows don't start until 10:35 pm. The Denver stations will tease a story for the last 5 min of their broadcast 10-10:35pm, but we lose that signal at 10:30pm – so never see the last 5 minutes. Sort of like the Heidi bowl 5 nights a week.
- The New Mexico stations are very sensational – the promos for their news (broadcast from 8-10 pm when those stations are our only choice) – the promos contain such phrases as “blood bath” “mass killing”, etc. The Denver stations news programs contain stories about the environment or sports stories.
- Colorado has 4 professional sports teams and are known as rapid fans – the state of New Mexico has 0 professional sports teams. We miss coverage on our teams, we miss seeing games and would really like to get TV from Colorado stations.

Please change the rules to either permit a market for each state or modify the market areas so they don't cross state lines. Either version – just please do it – allow us to be a part of the state in which we belong.

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